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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS BACKS GUATEMALA FOR UNSC

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Classified By: Stephen M. Schwartz, Charge d'Affaires, a.i.
Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[¶1.](#) (C) During a brief tour d'horizon (septel) with Charge October 3, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Regional Cooperation Madan Dulloo said that Mauritius would support Guatemala's candidacy for the UN Security Council. He said Mauritius had established diplomatic relations with Guatemala just prior to the 2006 UN General Assembly and that he had a favorable meeting in New York with his Guatemalan counterpart.

[¶2.](#) (C) Duloos said that Mauritius would support Guatemala despite the efforts of Venezuela's President Chavez who offered Prime Minister Ramgoolam discounted oil in exchange for Mauritius' vote for the UNSC seat.

[¶3.](#) (C) Comment: Duloos was rather confident that Ramgoolam wouldn't change Mauritius' position but we plan to raise the issue with the prime minister just in case.
Schwartz